

with the understanding that certain improvements would be made in that time. On top of all this, and with the full knowledge of the two reports of the College Investigation Committee, two regular members of the board vote to allow graduates of the institution recognition as applicants for a physician and surgeon license—to become full fledged doctors of medicine!

ONE DANGER OF IT.

A very vital matter, utterly overlooked by some of those on the board, and off the board as well, who have been anxious to let down the bars or who have been willing to see it done unopposed, is the duty the state owes its own licentiates and the graduates of its own recognized medical schools of high standing. Even under former and higher standards, a number of states would not recognize California licentiates for the reason that our standards were too low. As our standards go down, the list of such states increases and if the various fakers be given the same license that is granted to those who have a hard-earned degree of doctor of medicine, the standard of California will be equal to or lower than that of the lowest grade state in the Union. When that happens, what will a license to practice in California be worth to the holder? It would, in some ways, seem almost better to have no law and no license at all.

THE WHY OF IT.

While on the subject of the relations of the osteopath toward medical activity in the state, let us go into it a little more fully and set out some other matters of interest and importance. Up to a couple of years or so ago, the osteopath made no strenuous effort to obtain actual recognition as an M.D. To be sure, many of them really practised medicine and surgery, but under the name of osteopathy. But now conditions have changed; the industrial accident law and the federal narcotic law have brought about the change. Under the former, only duly licensed physicians and surgeons have any recognition, thus barring out the osteopath and the followers of other delusions from doing any of this work; under the latter, the same classes of healers are barred from dispensing or selling narcotic drugs. Do you see the reason for their wanting the designation of licensed physician and surgeon? Under the old conditions, they practised about what they pleased under the osteopathic license; under the new conditions the law does not recognize them at all unless they have the M. D. license.

THE HAND OF THE DEVIL, ONCE MORE.

Last month we published a review of an excellent book. And somehow, one cannot say how these things ever happen, the name of the author was left out. Neither the librarian who noted the return of the review, nor the editor who read the "Copy," nor the writer of the review when he corrected his proof, noticed this rather con-

siderable omission. The book was "The Gynecology of Obstetrics" and it was written by Dr. David Hadden, of Oakland.

RAIDS ON QUACKS.

The Special Agent of the Board of Medical Examiners is doing splendid work in the elimination of quacks and unlicensed "practitioners," and the people certainly owe something to him—Mr. A. J. McDonnell. In the early part of August he moved quietly into Stockton and before they knew it, he had two Japanese and eight Chinese "Doctors" arrested. The two Japanese broke all previous records for speed; they were arrested, held for trial, plead guilty, fined \$100 each and agreed to quit their nefarious work, all in one day! It was largely through the tireless work of Mr. McDonnell that the notorious Higgins was finally arrested and is now held under a number of charges and indictments in the federal court. We wish to congratulate the Board of Examiners on having at its command the services of such an active and patient man as Mr. McDonnell.

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE.

The Judicial Council of the American Medical Association cannot be too highly complimented on the comprehensive report which they presented to the House of Delegates at the A. M. A. meeting last June and which appears in the minutes of the House of Delegates, *Journal of the A. M. A.*, July 3, 1915. It is a mighty instructive document and shows careful and conservative study of the whole situation. New conditions have arisen which it is quite beyond our power to control. The only thing we can do is to aid in the better development of what has come and let the future discover whether the fundamental ideas involved are right or wrong. As time goes, they seem to be more right than wrong, but we are too near them to have any point of perspective. This report of the Judicial Council is well worth the careful study of every one of us. Industrial insurance we have in some measure; that we shall have more of it in increasing measure, is certain; that we cannot know too much about what it is, what it has done in other places and how it has developed in other countries, is also certain.

"SUGGESTIONS TO MEDICAL AUTHORS."

The American Medical Association publishes some very valuable pamphlets, a catalog and price list of which will be sent on application. Not the least valuable of these is one having the above title. "This pamphlet of 27 pages, discussing the above-mentioned topics and many others, will be sent on receipt of 10 cents. It contains valuable information in regard to the preparation of articles for publication and the points which make an article acceptable." We are almost tempted to offer to furnish the 10 cents to any prospective author who will send for it, read it and follow it, before preparing his article for submission.